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October 10, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
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Dear Mr. Bosco,

Subject: Letter of Support for DeForest Wetlands

It is with full support that I submit this letter on behalf of the DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the City of Long Beach. The DeForest Wetlands project will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River by converting 34 acres of land into a public river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, and interpretive signage, while maintaining flood control properties.

The Los Angeles River annually discharges tons of trash and toxic chemicals into the ocean in Long Beach. The DeForest Wetlands project will provide river and ocean water quality benefits, as well as provide much needed wildlife habitat within a large urban area. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

In addition, the project is located just north of and will link the public to the Los Angeles County Dominguez Gap project, a similar successful project along the Los Angeles River. Both projects will provide 2.3 miles of river parkway and open space, wetlands habitat and environmental interpretation along the lower Los Angeles River. The DeForest Wetlands project is a partnership between the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), and the California Coastal Conservancy, with each partner contributing sizable funding and staff time toward the completion of the project.

Thank you for your support of the DeForest Wetlands project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Warren T. Furutani".

Warren T. Furutani
Assemblymember, 55th Assembly District

c: George Chapjian, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



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November 12, 2008

Polly Escovedo, Manager of Bonds and Grants
The Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Escovedo:

SUBJECT: DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT APPLICATION THROUGH
THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM

It is with full support that I submit this letter on behalf of the City of Long Beach's \$2.5 million grant application to complete the DeForest Wetlands project.

The DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the Los Angeles County Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River in the City, and will convert and open to the public about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood control and management properties. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

In addition to the public benefits, I approve the partnership approach between the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), and the California Coastal Conservancy. Each of the partners' commitment to contribute sizeable funding toward completion of the project is commendable and warrants the Resource Agency's full funding support.

Historically, the Los Angeles River annually discharges tons of trash into the ocean and onto the beaches in the City of Long Beach. According to Heal the Bay's annual report, the ocean water quality near the River in the City is the worst in the state. The DeForest Wetlands project will provide River and ocean water quality benefits by removing tons of trash from urban runoff before being pumped into the Los Angeles River and polluting the Pacific Ocean.

Having served on the City Council for six years and the State Legislature for one year, I can attest that decisions are made with community input and funding resources are maximized for full public benefits.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Long Beach's application for the DeForest Wetlands Project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laura Richardson" with a stylized flourish at the end. To the right of the signature, the letters "M.C." are printed in a small font.

Laura Richardson
Member of Congress

cc: Mayor Bob Foster
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DON KNABE
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November 3, 2008

The Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, California 95814

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the DeForest Wetlands project grant application that has been submitted by the City of Long Beach to the California Resources Agency for California River Parkway Grant funding.

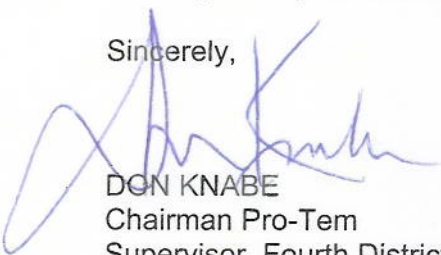
I am delighted to be a partner in this project along with the City of Long Beach, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), the California Coastal Conservancy and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. Each partner is contributing sizable funding toward the completion of the project.

The project is part of a larger lower Los Angeles River parkway plan that will implement multipurpose wetlands in several Los Angeles County river flood detention basins. The project site and the River are surrounded on most sides by developed areas, including single-family residential, high density residential, business corridors, public right-of-way areas, and the Interstate 710 Long Beach Freeway. This project will add much needed public open space and wildlife habitat in the northern section of the city, and provide a rest area for those traveling along the LARIO trail.

The DeForest Wetlands project is also listed in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), a comprehensive plan that identifies issues and possible integrated solutions to water supply, water quality, and water pollution problems in Southern California. Full funding of this project through the California River Parkways will provide final funding to complete the DeForest Wetlands project.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the City's application.

Sincerely,



DON KNABE
Chairman Pro-Tem
Supervisor, Fourth District
County of Los Angeles

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November 12, 2008

MAYOR BOB FOSTER

CITY OF LONG BEACH

The Resources Agency
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Sacramento, CA 95814

To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT APPLICATION

I am pleased to support the DeForest Wetlands project application that has been submitted to the California Resources Agency for California River Parkway grant funding. The DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the Los Angeles County Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River in the City, and will convert and open to the public about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood control and management priorities. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

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Thank you for your consideration of the City's application for the DeForest Wetlands project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Foster,
City of Long Beach

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

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October 29, 2008

The Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT APPLICATION

On behalf of the 9th District residents in the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support the DeForest Wetlands project application submitted to the California Resources Agency for California River Parkway grant funding. The DeForest Wetlands project located in the Los Angeles County Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River, and will convert and open to the public about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood control and management priorities. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

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Thank you for your consideration of the City's application for the DeForest Wetlands project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Val Lerch
Vice Mayor, 9th District

cc: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



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RAE GABELICH

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
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November 12, 2008

The Resources Agency
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To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT APPLICATION

On behalf of the citizens of the 8th Council District in the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support the DeForest Wetlands project application that has been submitted to the California Resources Agency for California River Parkway grant funding. The DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the Los Angeles County Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River in the City, and will convert and open to the public about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood control and management priorities. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

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The Deforests Wetlands project is also listed in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), a comprehensive plan that identifies issues and possible integrated solutions to water supply, water quality, and water pollution problems in Southern California. Full funding of the DeForest Wetlands project through the California River Parkways Program will provide final funding to complete the DeForest Wetlands project.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's application for the DeForest Wetlands project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Rae Gabelich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rae Gabelich,
Councilmember, 8th District

c: Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine



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November 5, 2008

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The Resources Agency
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RE: Letter of Commitment and Support for the DeForest Wetlands Project

To Whom It May Concern:

For many years, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has supported the planning for a major wetlands and habitat creation project along the lower Los Angeles River at the DeForest site in the City of Long Beach. The RMC is very pleased to support the DeForest Wetlands Project grant application that has been submitted by the City of Long Beach for California River Parkway Grant funding. In addition to our support for the project, the RMC has recently committed one million dollars in grant funding towards the project construction.

The DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the Los Angeles County Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River in the City, and will convert and open to the public about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood control and management properties. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

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Thank you for your consideration of this grant. I look forward to a continuing dialogue with the City as the RMC Grant is awarded and the Plan becomes finalized. If you have any questions, please contact Luz Torres at 626-815-1019 x110 or at ltorres@rmc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Belinda V. Faustinos
Executive Officer
cc: Leslie Hunsaker, City of Long Beach

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November 12, 2008

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To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT

The Long Beach Group, Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club is pleased to support the DeForest Wetlands project application that has been submitted by the City of Long Beach to the California Resources Agency for California River Parkway grant funding. The DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the Los Angeles county Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River in the City, and will convert and open to the public about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood control and management properties. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and environmental educational tours and programs.

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Thank you for your consideration of the City's application for the DeForest Wetlands project.

Sincerely,

Sierra Club



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October 30, 2008

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To Whom It May Concern:

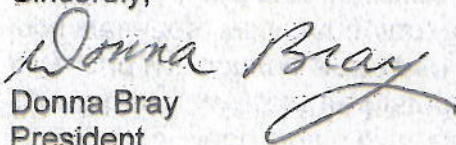
SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT

The El Dorado Audubon Society in Long Beach is pleased to support the DeForest Wetlands project application that has been submitted by the City of Long Beach to the California Resources Agency for California River Parkway grant funding. The DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the Los Angeles county Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River in the City, and will convert and open to the public about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood control and management properties. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and environmental educational tours and programs.

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Thank you for your consideration of the City's application for the DeForest Wetlands project.

Sincerely,


Donna Bray
President

El Dorado Audubon Society

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California River Parkways Grant Program
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Re: Support for the DeForest Wetlands Project, Long Beach, CA

Partners of Parks, a nonprofit organization founded in 1985, seeks to improve and enrich the lives of Long Beach residents and surrounding communities by supporting our local parks and open spaces. We are delighted to endorse the DeForest Wetlands Project (Project) grant application submitted by the City of Long Beach.

The Project, which is located in the Los Angeles County Flood Control Market Street Basin in Long Beach, will restore historic wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River. The Project will convert approximately 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, walking trails, and interpretive signage. Public access will include low impact recreational activities such as hiking, bird watching, and horseback riding, as well as educational tours and programs to promote community involvement and stewardship.

In addition to habitat restoration, the Project will provide environmental benefits by including a trash diversion component. Annually, tons of trash ends up in the river, flowing downstream, and polluting our harbor and beaches. According to Heal the Bay, the ocean water quality at the mouth of the Los Angeles River is the worst in the state. By including a trash diversion component, the Project will enhance water quality in keeping with California's flood control, watershed management, and environmental protection objectives.

Finally, the DeForest Project will link to the Dominguez Gap Project, a similar undertaking constructed by Los Angeles County. Combined, these two areas will provide 2.3 miles of parkway open space, wetlands habitat, and trash diversion along the Los Angeles River.

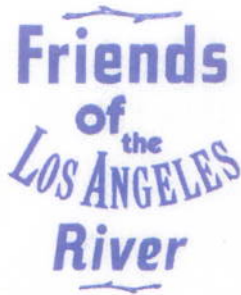
Thank you for your consideration of the City's application for the DeForest Wetlands Project. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 562-570-3209.

Sincerely,

Diane Wiley
Executive Director

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November 10, 2008

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To Whom It May Concern:

**SUBJECT: DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT APPLICATION THROUGH
THE CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM**

Friends of the Los Angeles River is pleased to support the DeForest Wetlands project grant application that has been submitted by the City of Long Beach for California River Parkway Grant funding. The DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the Los Angeles county Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic River wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River in the City, and will convert and open to the public about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood protection and management properties. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

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Thank you for your consideration of the City's application for the DeForest Wetlands project. If you have any questions, please contact me at 323 223-0585.

Sincerely,

Shelly Backlar
Executive Director

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12 December 2008

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To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT APPLICATION THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA
RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council is pleased to support the DeForest Wetlands project grant application that has been submitted by the City of Long Beach for California River Parkway grant funding. The mission of the Watershed Council is to facilitate an inclusive consensus process to preserve, restore, and enhance the economic, social, and ecological health of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed through education, research, and planning. Our goals include promoting an understanding and awareness of the importance of watershed approaches to resources management issues among policy-makers in government, business, and community organizations.

The DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the Los Angeles County Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River in the City, and will convert about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood protection and management properties. Public uses will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

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The DeForest Wetlands project is an excellent example of collaborative restoration work on the Los Angeles River and will provide multiple benefits in the region. Thank you for your consideration of the City's application.

Sincerely,

Nancy L.C. Steele, D.Env.
Executive Director

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December 8, 2008

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To Whom It May Concern:

**SUBJECT: DEFOREST WETLANDS PROJECT APPLICATION THROUGH THE
CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM**

The Long Beach Redevelopment Agency North Project Area Committee is pleased to support the DeForest Wetlands project grant application that has been submitted by the City of Long Beach for California River Parkway grant funding. The DeForest Wetlands project, which is located in the Los Angeles County Flood Control Market Street Basin, will restore historic river wetlands along the lower Los Angeles River in the City, and will convert about 34 acres of land into a river parkway with wetlands, wildlife habitat, recreational trails, interpretive signage, while maintaining flood protection and management properties. Public use will include passive recreational activities, such as walking, bird watching, horseback riding, and educational tours and programs.

On an annual basis, the Los Angeles River discharges tons of trash into the Pacific Ocean and onto the beaches in the City of Long Beach. According to Heal the Bay's annual report, the ocean water quality near the River in the City is the worst in the state. The DeForest Wetlands project will provide river and ocean water quality benefits by removing trash from urban runoff before being pumped into the Los Angeles River and polluting the Pacific Ocean. In addition, the project is located north of and links to the Dominguez Gap project, a similar project constructed by Los Angeles County along the river. Both projects will provide a total of 2.3 linear miles of parkway open space, wetlands habitat, and trash diversion along the lower Los Angeles River.

The DeForest Wetlands project is a partnership between the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and the California Coastal Conservancy with each partner contributing sizable funding toward the design and construction of the project. The DeForest Wetlands project is also listed in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), a comprehensive plan that lays out issues and possible integrated solutions to water supply, water quality, and water pollution problems in Southern California.

Full funding of the DeForest Wetlands project through the California River Parkways grant program will provide final funding to complete the DeForest Wetlands project. Thank you for your consideration of the City's application. If you have any questions, please call me at 562-422-6669.

Sincerely,


Martha S. Thuermer, Chair

North Long Beach Project Area Committee